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30 MARCH STAFF GROUP MEETING - INCLUDING PRESS RELEASE

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(B) STATE 81253 (DTG:300044Z MAR 78),
(C) COPENHAGEN 2074 (DTG:301502Z MAR 78)

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SUMMARY: AT THE 30 MARCH MEETING, WE PROVIDED STAFF
GROUP REPS THE TWO PREFERRED US OPTIONS FOR TITLING
AGENDA ITEM I AND RELAYED US ACCEPTANCE OF DANISH
RESERVATION ABOUT ANNOUNCING SPECIFIC SITE LOCATION
IN THE MINISTERIAL PRESS RELEASE. A PRESS LEAK IN
DENMARK HAS NOW MADE ANNOUNCEMENT OF SPECIFIC LOCATION
ACADEMIC, BUT DANES PREFER THAT NATIONS STILL PROCEED
WITH FORMAL SIMULTANEOUS RELEASE ON APRIL 7 WITH,
HOWEVER, THE SPECIFIC SITE BEING INCLUDED SINCE THE
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EARLIER RESERVATION ON THIS POINT HAS BEEN OVERTAKEN
BY EVENTS. DANISH REP ALSO ANNOUNCED FURTHER DETAILS ON
MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS, REPORTED IN PARA 3 BELOW.

END SUMMARY

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1. AGENDA: DURING THE 30 MARCH STAFF GROUP MEETING, WE PRESENTED THE TWO OPTIONS FOR AGENDA ITEM I PROVIDED IN REF (A), STATING THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SECURE AGREEMENT ON EITHER OF TWO OPTIONS BEFORE OR AT THE APRIL 6 NPG PERMREPS MEETING. WHILE STAFF GROUP REPS MUST CLEAR OUR PROPOSALS WITH THEIR AUTHORITIES, THERE APPEARED TO BE A STAFF LEVEL PREFERENCE FOR OPTION 2. WE WILL REPORT OFFICIAL CONSENSUS OF NATIONS, WHEN AVAILABLE.

2. PRESS RELEASE: WE STATED US ACCEPTANCE OF DANISH CONDITIONS ABOUT THE PRESS RELEASE, I.E., DELETE SITE LOCATION FROM THE PRESS RELEASE TO BE ISSUED ON APRIL 7 (REF B). THE DANISH REP (JENSEN) EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR WASHINGTON'S POSITION, AND OTHER REPS ACCEPTED THE DANISH CONDITION. IN RESPONSE TO US REP'S QUESTION ON WHEN COPENHAGEN PLANNED TO ANNOUNCE THE SITE LOCATION, DANISH REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES SAW NO NEED TO ANNOUNCE THE SITE LOCATION AT ALL. HE NOTED, NEVERTHELESS, THAT MEMBERS OF THE PRESS HAD EARLIER BEEN INFORMED OF DETAILS OF THE NPG MINISTERIAL, WITH A PUBLIC RELEASE EMBARGO OF APRIL 14 ON THE INFORMATION. COMMENT: DANISH REP CALLED US LATER ON 30 MARCH TO CONFIRM, WITH SOME CONSTERNATION, THAT TWO DANISH NEWSPAPERS HAD CARRIED STORIES THAT DAY REVEALING EXACT DATES AND LOCATIONS (REF C), AND THAT HIS AUTHORITIES' CONFIDENTIAL

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RESERVATION ABOUT STATING THE SPECIFIC LOCATION IN THE PRESS RELEASE HAD, THEREFORE, BEEN OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS. ON 31 MARCH, THE DANISH REP SAID THAT, DESPITE THE LEAK, HIS AUTHORITIES PREFERRED TO CONTINUE WITH A FORMAL PRESS RELEASE ON 7 APRIL, BUT THAT SUCH A RELEASE COULD INCLUDE SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO FREDERIKSHAVN. NATO HQS ALSO PLANS TO MAKE SUCH A RELEASE ON APRIL 7. IT WOULD, THEREFORE, BE APPROPRIATE FOR WASHINGTON TO DO SO ON THE SAME DATE. END COMMENT.

3. ADDITIONAL DETAILS: AT THE STAFF GROUP MEETING, THE DANISH REP PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:

-- DANISH LIAISON OFFICER FOR US DELEGATION WILL BE MAJOR K.A. BRUUN-SIMONSEN (RDAF), WHO HAS SERVED IN THE US AS A DANISH LIAISON OFFICER AT A BASE IN TEXAS. LIAISON OFFICERS WILL MEET DELEGATIONS AT THE AIRPORT, WITH THE MINISTER CONVEYING HIS GREETINGS LATER AT THE HOTEL.

-- PROVISIONS FOR STORING CLASSIFIED MATERIAL AT THE HOTEL WILL BE EXTREMELY LIMITED, AND ARE BEING PROVIDED FOR

EMERGENCY USE ONLY. DELEGATIONS ARE URGED TO ARRANGE FOR THEIR SECURITY OFFICER TO TRANSFER THEIR CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS DIRECTLY FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE ACTUAL CONFERENCE SITE AT FREDERIKSHAVN WHERE ADEQUATE SECURE STORAGE FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE. TRANSPORTATION AND ESCORT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE WHEN THE AIRCRAFT LANDS. COMMENT: WE ASSUME, AS AT PAST NPG MINISTERIALS, THAT US DELEGATION WILL SET ASIDE A ROOM IN THE HOTEL IN AALBORG FOR SECURE STORAGE OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL. END COMMENT.

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-- THERE WILL BE FOUR SMALL CONFERENCE ROOMS AT THE HOTEL WHICH WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST FOR USE BY DELEGATIONS. HOWEVER, DANISH AUTHORITIES WOULD PREFER THAT DELEGATIONS SCHEDULE MEETINGS AT THE FREDERIKSHAVN SITE RATHER THAN THE HOTEL.

-- THERE IS A BANK IN THE HOTEL COMPLEX FOR MONEY EXCHANGES, ETC. ITS HOURS ARE: MONDAY FROM 1000 TO 1600, AND TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY FROM 0900 TO 1600.

-- THE TELEPHONE NUMBER AT THE HOTEL IS 08-13-84-00. THE NUMBER AT FREDERIKSHAVN IS 08-42-90-88. THERE WILL ALSO BE A SECURE VOICE LINK BETWEEN FREDERIKSHAVN AND NATO HQS IN BRUSSELS.

-- CABLES CAN BE SENT TO FREDERIKSHAVN VIA THE ACE
COMMON-USERS NETWORK. THEY SHOULD BE ADDRESSED:
"NAVAL BASE FREDERIKSHAVN," WITH THE ROUTING INDICATOR:
"RDFJK," AND WITH THE CAPTION: "FOR NPG MEETING APRIL
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-- DRESS AT DINNER ON THE 18TH WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE
BLACK TIE. INSTEAD, IT WILL BE A DARK SUIT OR
EQUIVALENT MILITARY UNIFORM.
-- THE RECEPTION ON MONDAY EVENING IS INFORMAL, I.E.,
BUSINESS SUIT OR EQUIVALENT. BENNETT

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